

Docket No. F-7917

Ser. No. 10/634,539

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph because the Examiner asserts that Claim 1 is unclear. Applicant has amended the Claim 1 to overcome the rejection.

A nonstatutory double patenting rejection has been maintained against the pending claims over U.S. Patent No. 6,612,398, granted September 2, 2003. To overcome the rejection, a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is herein filed. The fee of \$130.00 for the Terminal Disclaimer is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. The fee of \$1020.00 for the extension is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

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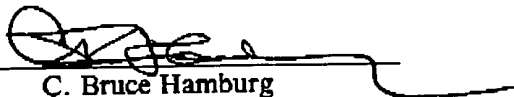
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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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